

**Last Will and Testament of Thomas Garrett of West Haddon Northamptonshire 1724.**

I Thomas Garrett of West Haddon in the County of Northampton Yeoman being weak of body but of sound mind and memory make this my last will and testament as followeth

Imprimis I give and devise to my son Henry Garrett, his heirs executors administrators and assigns all my Messuages, Lands Tenements and hereditaments whatsoever both freehold and leasehold whereof I or any other in trust for one or to any Use are seised or possessed of my Estate of Inheritance for Life or Lives Term or Terms of years or otherwise situate at West Haddon or elsewhere (except part of my said estate as is or was held in joynture with Deborah my late wife which part of my estate of Inheritance shall go to my heir at law and his heirs). And I hereby devise to my said son Henry his heirs executors and administrators all my Tenant Rights of renewing the Lease or Leases now held at West Haddon aforesaid. And do authorise him to renew the said Lease or Leases in his own name but so as not to prejudice the Rights of my heir at law to such part of my said Lands as are contained in the said joynture.

Item I give and bequeathe unto my sons Thomas, William, Edward and John and to my daughters Mary Muscott, Ellinor Bridget and Deborah Aldridge one shilling a peice to be paid to them when legally demanded.

All the rest residue and remainder of my goods, chattels, debts, credits and personal estate whereof I shall die possessed I give and devise to my said Henry Garrett whom I make sole Executor of this my will hereby revoking all other wills by and heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal. This sixteenth day of April Anno Dom One Thousand Seven hundred and twenty two

His mark  
Thomas Garrat

Signed Sealed and published by the  
Testator as his last will in the presence  
Of us who at his request and in his presence  
And in the presence of each other have  
Hereto set our hands as witnesses.

William Sharpe  
Edward Parnell  
Wm: Worcester

*N Will Thomas Garrett 10th october 1724. (5th Series book 7 folio 220)  
Note the name Garrett is spelled in several different ways in these documents.*

**Glossary**

**Imprimis**- in the first place

**Devise** - to convey or bequeath land, as distinct from personal property.

**Assigns** - those to whom rights have been transmitted by particular title such as sale, gift or legacy.

**Messuage** - a term used in deed to signify a dwelling house and surrounding property, including outbuildings.

**Tenements** - originally any rented property. From 1702 came to describe the holdings of yeomen which were smaller than farms but larger than properties of cottagers.

**Hereditament** -anything that can be inherited. The term is commonly used in deeds to include anything not specifically mentioned.

**Seised** -implies physically taking possession of land or property.

**Jointure** - a fixed annual sum paid to a widow out of her husband's freehold estate until she remarried or died.

**Shilling a piece** - adult children may have been provided for at marriage, a common safeguard if a widow should remarry and property pass to the new husband.

I Thomas Garratt of Westhaddon in the County of Northampton  
Yeoman being weak of Body but of Sound Mind and  
Memory make this my last Will and Testament as followeth  
Inprimis I give and devise to my Son Henry Garratt of  
his Willers Executors Administrators and Assignes All my  
Movable Goods Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever  
both freehold and Leasehold whereof I or any other in Trust  
for me or to my Use are now Seign or possessors of any Estate  
of Inheritance or for Years or Years Terme or Termes of years  
or otherwise Situate in Westhaddon or elsewhere (Except such  
part of my said Estate as is or was Settled in Joynture on  
Deborah my late Wife which part of my Estate Inheritance  
shall go to my Heire at Law & his Heires) And I hereby  
Devise to my said Son Henry his Heires Executors & Assignes  
all my Tenant Right of renewing the Lease or Leases I  
now hold at Westhaddon afores. And do authorize him to  
renew the said Lease or Leases in his own Name but so as  
not to prejudice the Right of my Heire at Law to such part  
of my said Lands as are contain'd in & by Joynture.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas  
William Edward and John Garratt, and to my Daughters  
Mary Muscott, Ellinor Bridget, & Deborah Aldridge, one  
Shilling a piece to be paid to them when Legally Demanded

All the rest residue & remainder of my Goods Chattels Debts  
Credits and personall Estate wherof I shall any possess  
I give and devise to my said Henry Garratt whom I  
make sole Executor of this my Will hereby revoking all other  
Wills by me heretofore made In witness whereof I have  
hereunto Set my hand and Seale this Sixteenth day of April Anno  
Dni One thousand seven hundred & seventy two.

Signed Sealed & published by the  
Testator as his last Will in the presence  
of us who at his request & in his presence  
& in the presence of each other have hereunto  
Set our hands as witnesses.

William Clarke  
Edward Barnoll

His mark  
Thomas Garratt

**Inventory of Goods of Thomas Garratt farmer.**

A true Inventory of all and Singular the Goods Chattells and personall Estate That Thomas Garratt of West Haddon in the County of Northton yeoman deceased died possessed of taken and Aprised this 25th of Sept 1724 by us whose Names are hereunto Subscribed Aprisors.

	£	s	d
Imp: his Wearing Aparell and Money in his pocket --	1	10	00
It: in the parlour one old bedstead five blankets Four pair of sheets a cupboard ---	0	16	00
It: in the Chamber one bedstead two old curtains two Wool pillows a old chair two old coffers ---	0	07	06
It: In the house one old bell mettall pot a little Kettle and some other old things ----	0	07	00
It: In the Buttery two little barrels one tub And a little kettle ----	0	05	06
It: In the yard a ladder ----	0	01	00
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all	3	07	00

by us  
Wm. Worcester  
Thomas parnell Apprisors  
William dixey



